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Sunday School Lessons Unit One "The Savior Has Been Born" December 2016



We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

During the winter quarter, we are exploring Creation. The overall theme calls for us to see ourselves as a Co-creator with God. Scriptures are taken from the Gospel of Luke. Unit One is entitled "The Savior Has Been Born."

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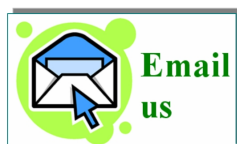
Our actions, decisions, and even well-being are often based on our trust in the promises made by others. On whose promises can we ultimately depend? Luke recounts the angel's announcement of the coming birth of Jesus, God's promised Savior.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To acknowledge God's faithfulness to Mary and ultimately to all God's people.
- ✓ To experience the joy of worshipping Jesus as God's promised Savior.
- ✓ To express trust in God's promises by affirming God's will for their lives.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Plan to help a family who needs assistance with food, clothing, toys, or all of these for Christmas. If your church does not do such a project, check with your local Salvation Army or Department of Social Services to learn how you can help.
- Compare Matthew's account of events leading up to Jesus' birth, found in 1:18-25, with Luke's account. How are these stories similar? How are they different? Speculate on why these stories may seem so different.
- Recall promises that you have made to family, friends, your church, or work colleagues over the past month or so. Which ones have you fulfilled? If you have broken any promises, why did that happen? What will you do to restore people's trust in your word?



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